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MAHATHIR: PBDS' INTENTION TO REJOIN SARAWAK BN WELCOME

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SUBANG, Oct 3 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, has welcomed Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS) intention to be a component party of the Sarawak BN again.

+The view expressed by PBDS president, Datuk Leo Moggie reflects the intention of the party to re-join the Sarawak BN and should be taken into account,+ he told reporters at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport, after bidding farewell to Emperor Akihito and Michiko, who left for Indonesia after ending their four-day state visit to Malaysia.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir, who is Federal BN chairman, said the PBDS's intention was sincere and should be studied.

The Federal BN welcomed the interest shown by the party to become a component party at state level, he added.

PBDS is a BN component at Federal level but it is in the opposition at state level.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said, however, that it was a state matter and it was up to the state BN component parties to discuss it. -- more

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Asked about the statement by Sarawak Chief Minister, Tan Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud, who is state BN chairman, that PBDS make an open apology to the people, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir smiled and said: +We can discuss that.+

He said the problem arose, possibly, because the state BN was more affected with the local situation and that the phenomenon was merely temporary.

The important thing that needed to be considered was that the statement by Datuk Moggie reflected the view of the PBDS leader, he added.

Datuk Moggie, who is Works Minister, said yesterday PBDS intended to return to the BN fold and it was prepared to do anything, including making an open apology.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said the PBDS intention was sincere and it was up to Tan Sri Taib to consider it. -- Bernama

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